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RELIGIOUS FASCISM

FASCISM is nothing new. Centuries ago it threw its shadow over the cradle of religious and civil freedom and swore against them eternal enmity. Fascism was Pope Innocent III's condemnation of the *Magna Charta* wrung from the infamous King John at Runnymede. Fascism was the Inquisition rending the air with the tortured cries of men who refused to betray their conscience. Fascism was the papacy swearing to stamp out Luther's revolt against the despotism of Rome. Fascism was Pope Innocent X damning for all future time the Treaty of Westphalia, the first civil charter of religious tolerance. Fascism is the Jesuit counter-Reformation and fight against progress.

Fascism did not begin with Mussolini and Hitler—nor will it end with them. The evil of church despotism that they adapted to politics is here in our country throttling our press, threatening our future. Its poison has begun to seep even into Protestantism.

Religious Fascism is a whitened sepulcher. Its unity, its organization, its efficiency attract even the elect. Its propaganda cloaks its secret purposes behind pious phrases. It is beginning to convince unwary Protestants that corporate unity is worth more than freedom of conscience; that the unity of Rome is something to admire and strive after; that the Pope is the 'Chief of Christendom'; that dissident Protestants must 'get together' and turn toward the Rock of Peter; that separation of church and state must be sacrificed in a common fight against irreligion and godlessness.

Protestants must not forget that true unity is not attained by sacrifice of principles; that differences and discussions are approaches to truth; that the only true religion is the conversion of the individual heart to God, not external conformity and public pageantry; that religion stands to lose rather than gain by union with the State. The very virtue of Protestantism lies in its dissident units, each striving for perfection in its individual way; each securing liberty for all by protesting its own right to exist unmolested apart from others.

Religious unity can be had, not by subjection to a domineering church, not by sacrifice of individual convictions, but by a fearless seeking after the truth of Christ that makes men free. Christians especially need an unobstructed approach to their Saviour, for to be saved they must approach Him alone.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS

VATICAN AND RUSSIA

LASTING PEACE in the post-war world depends essentially on mutual understanding and trust in Anglo-American relations with Russia.

The Roman Catholic church, however, stands in the way of such relations. It froths at the very mention of Russia. It refuses to reconsider its judgment of twenty years ago, even in the face of altered facts. Its hatred has become an obsession. In its undying enmity it has become the instrument and mouthpiece of rich and selfish reactionaries who share its hatred.

This church through its agents in the British Foreign Office and the U. S. Department of State, and particularly through its political threats and organized pressure in this country, has become the root cause of Anglo-American dissension with Russia.

It is no secret that Roman Catholic pressure prevented Stalin from sending his ambassador from England to study at first hand the political muddle in North Africa; that the Catholic press in Polish and English breached the delicate Russian-Polish relations by playing up Nazi atrocity stories; that the Vatican itself inspired the plan of a mid-European 'safety belt' to rope off Russia; that opposition to popular revolutions, to overthrow of the House of Savoy and to 'unconditional surrender' of Italy originated with the Pope and were later seconded by Churchill and Roosevelt.

Dorothy Thompson has summarized the situation this way: "Every gesture we have made, as seen through Stalin's eyes, must indicate that what we hope

for in Europe, as a substitute for Fascism, is conservative Clerical regimes, based upon broken down institutions of authority . . ."

Stalin is above all a realist. He knows that the Pope and the Jesuits will fight him to the bitter end. He knows too that as long as we take inspiration from Vatican reactionaries and use Roman Catholic prelates as political intermediaries, we cannot reach a common meeting ground.

Stalin's empty chair at Casablanca, and later at Quebec, was eloquent disapproval of any Anglo-American deals that depend for success on the blessing of the Pope.



RUSSIA SPEAKS OUT

RUSSIA has made no secret of the fact that the distrust shown her by the Allied leaders was hatched in the Vatican. This was publicly disclosed in a recent issue of the Moscow periodical *War and the Working Class*, recognized as a mouthpiece of Soviet policy. In a leading editorial it sharply criticized the Allied use of the Vatican as a key point of political diplomacy for post-war reconstruction.

The importance of this Russian criticism was stressed by its republication on August 25 in the official bulletin of the Soviet Embassy in Washington. Of all the post-war intrigues, the one singled out for particular denunciation was the plot for an Eastern European Federation, the favorite plan of the Vatican, which was highlighted by us in last June's issue of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE.

JESUIT FALSE FRONT

CONFUSION TACTICS are an artful device of the Jesuits. Their purpose is to get the American public so mixed up that it despairs of ever getting to the bottom of things. They are a smoke-screen that keeps a confused majority from detecting the sinister plans of an organized minority.

The strategy behind "confusion tactics" is to concentrate organized Catholic opinion in one direction, but to allow an articulate minority to express opposite views in order to distract and confuse the general public. Oftener than not, the "false front" is made up of innocent laymen who write and speak their personal views, thinking they enjoy personal liberty and represent the Catholic intelligentsia, when in reality they represent no one and are being used as dupes by the Jesuit-controlled hierarchy who laugh at their naïveté and airy liberalism. In this country Jacques Maritain, Dr. George Shuster, Prof. Francis E. McMahon and the lay-edited *Commonweal* serve this purpose to perfection.

At times, however, it is necessary to use priests and occasionally even bishops for confusion purposes. Thus, for example, when the Selective Service Bill in this country came up before Congress, a few years ago, the entire hierarchy and Catholic press opposed it. But, just at the last minute, a single prelate (in particularly close relation with the Vatican), Bishop James H. Ryan, sent a much-publicized telegram to the President personally endorsing the bill about to be voted on.

Latest instance of major "confusion tactics" was a letter in the July 19 issue of *The New Republic* commending it for

its fairness in rebuking the Catholic church. The letter proceeded to censure Catholics for their "hypersensitivity." This communication was written by Jesuit Father Peter Dunne. No priest but a Jesuit would have dared to write such a letter. He did it, of course, at the direction of his superiors to confuse the liberals and pour oil on troubled waters. There was no danger of it 'scandalizing' Catholics, for they make a point of not reading *The New Republic*.

If you wish to know what the Jesuits and the Catholic church really think of liberals and their publications, read the August 14 issue of *America*, or almost any issue of any Catholic paper. In its June 1943 issue, the Catholic magazine, *The Sign*, read the riot act to Catholics for not being sensitive enough to criticism!



IS ITALY REALLY CATHOLIC?

NEWSPAPER columnists discussing recent events in Italy invariably refer to the people of Italy as "extremely devout Catholics." This is a serious perversion of fact. Those who know Italy well realize that its professional people as a whole and the middle class in general make no pretense of practicing Catholicism. For the nobility Catholicism has no religious, much less moral significance; in their eyes it stands for a belief in the monarchy and subjection of the feudal masses as in the days of the Papal States. Only peasant women in Italy take their Catholic religion seriously. But for them it is only a sort of fear of the unknown coupled with confidence in the wonder-working powers of Sant' Antonio and Santa Lucia.

The N. Y. *Times* of February 7, 1940, quoted the Pastoral Letter of the bishop of Palermo, Italy, which stated that *68 per cent of Italians fail to attend mass on holydays and only 12 per cent of the men fulfill the obligation of receiving communion once a year. These are the minimum requirements of Catholic church membership.*



ABOUT-FACE

ALLIED VICTORY looms in sight and a mad scramble for the band wagon begins. Finland asked Germany to withdraw its troops. Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria are falling over one another in trying to contact the coming victors. Argentina even allows its ships to enter New York harbor now. And Spanish papers admitted for the first time that things look dark for the Nazis.

Vatican strategists were the first to give the signal to head for the Victory band wagon. At once the bishops of Msgr. Tiso's Slovakia denounced the persecution of baptized Jews. Then the French hierarchy, meeting for the first time in three years, criticized the conscription of French workers and strained their relations with the Vichy government. Similar tactics were followed in other countries.

But the main about-face was achieved by the Vatican itself. Its radio station on July 27 had Jesuit Father Lopez broadcast to Spain a condemnation of one-man rule, which said "no man has rights over the life and freedom of other men." The U. S. Office of War Information, true to custom, gave out to the press official reports of this Vatican talk. It received front-page publicity.

Obviously this broadcast was not to

be taken seriously, otherwise the Pope himself would have to resign! It was pure propaganda made to order for democratic countries. But the joker in the broadcast was that Fascist countries, such as Spain, never allow reception of foreign broadcasts that conflict with their local propaganda. The Vatican knew this, otherwise it would not have allowed the broadcast at all. In this way it reached us, but not the Spaniards. Clever work!



CATHOLIC INFLUENCE IN STATE DEPARTMENT

CONFLICTING personalities, general confusion and lack of definite policy are bewitching our State Department, according to a report made to President Roosevelt by investigators of his Executive Office, as described in the N. Y. *Times* of August 4. Disclosure of these facts has long been needed.

It would seem advisable, however, in considering this matter not to overlook a few facts that many are loathe to discuss: First, President Roosevelt determines much of his basic foreign policy independently of the State Department; second, his foreign policy is definitely influenced by men who belong neither to the State Department nor his official cabinet, such as Harry Hopkins, and Catholic Joe Casey of the famous 'kitchen cabinet' chosen for its 'love of anonymity,' *et al*; third, the U. S. appeasement policy in foreign affairs, as reflected in our policy toward Franco, Darlan, Giraud, Otto of Hapsburg and the House of Savoy, is largely of the President's own making—under Roman Catholic political pressure and threats of fourth-term sabotage.

ERRONEOUS DOCTRINE OF SALVATION THROUGH MARY

By L. H. LEHMANN

SUBSTITUTION of Mary for Jesus Christ as the savior of mankind is one of the chief errors introduced by the Roman Catholic church in place of the plain teaching of the Gospel. Perhaps more than anything else it brands Roman Catholicism as a return to man-made religion from which Jesus Christ came to save the world.

This perversion of early Christian teaching is most boldly expressed in the well-known official prayer to Mary, called the *Salve Regina*, which has been in universal use in the Catholic church since medieval times. The prayer begins:

"Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Hail, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope! . . ."

Martin Luther called the *Salve Regina* a "tissue of errors." But the Jesuits, who have always made a point of glorifying whatever Luther condemned in order to sharpen the dividing line between Catholic and Reformation teachings, insist on upholding it more than ever. For this reason the Jesuits have always been staunch defenders of the Mary-worship of Alphonsus Liguori, whose best known book, *The Glories of Mary*, enlarges and explains the doctrine of the *Salve Regina*. Liguori's worship of Mary and his casuistry reflected Jesuitism; so, too, did his 'heroic virtues' that were the living embodiment of Jesuit Rodriguez's counsels of perfection.

Jesuit influence on Liguori's cult of Mary was first exerted by one of his

Neapolitan contemporaries, of whom the well-known historian Nielsen says:

"In Liguori's youth Francesco Pepe, the Jesuit, had made his appearance in Naples as an ardent advocate of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin. Francesco Pepe wrote praises of the Immaculate Conception on little strips of paper, and these strips were taken as a dose by sick people in the hope of being cured; they were also given to hens to make them lay more eggs. Even this superstitious cult of the Madonna was countenanced by Liguori. When he lay at death's door, he asked for one of Pepe's strips and swallowed it."¹

Liguori's book, the *Glories of Mary*, has become the bible of Catholic devotion to Mary. One of his recent biographers says of it:

"This book which appeals to the learned and unlearned alike, has gone through many editions in all languages. In Naples alone it was reprinted ten times in the course of twenty-five years. . . . It opened the era of hope for me, for it showed on the one hand the Immaculate Virgin with her hands filled with graces, and on the other the rosary which is the means to obtain them."²

Speaking of this book Nielsen says (p.105): "In our days it is still widely circulated. In Germany and France it has gone through many editions, and in England it was strongly recommended

¹ *History of the Papacy in the 19th Century*, by Fredrick Nielsen, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Copenhagen, p. 104.

² *Life of St. Alphonsus M. de Liguori* by Father Austin Berthe of the Redemptorist Order. *Imprimatur* of M. Raues, C.S.S.R., Superior General in Rome. Vol. I, p. 397.

by Cardinals Wiseman and Manning. But when it is printed north of the Alps, it is frequently found that a few things, especially some of the most superstitious stories, have been carefully removed."

Today this book is as highly esteemed and advertised as ever. There is not a Catholic institution that has not placed it in its libraries and compulsory reading lists.

EXCERPTS FROM "THE GLORIES OF MARY"

The following quotations are taken from an English edition of *The Glories of Mary, Mother of God*, translated from the original by Liguori and published in Ireland in 1909 with the *imprimatur* of the Archbishop of Dublin.

Devotion to Mary is held to be necessary for salvation. On p. 188 we read:

"For she does not save all sinners but those who serve and honor her with the intention of amending their lives. As to those who are not devout to her, who never beg her aid to arise from their sins, she will not recognize them as her flock, and the left hand [damnation] will be their station on the great day of the Lord."

"And St. Bonaventure says that he who neglects Mary shall die in his sins; he who does not invoke her shall have no share in the kingdom of God. And again, there is no hope of salvation for those from whom Mary turns her face. Before him, St. Ignatius, martyr, had pronounced that *a sinner can be saved only by means of the Blessed Virgin*, whose great mercy obtains salvation for those who would be condemned by Infinite Justice." (3)

Mary as the "mother of mercies" is contrasted with Jesus. It is taught that

she actually saves souls through her mercy, after the infinite justice of her Son has repelled them. The following from *The Glories of Mary* (p. 213) confirms this:

"We read in the Chronicles of St. Francis that Brother Leo once saw in a vision two ladders: one red, at the summit of which was Jesus Christ, and the other white, at the summit of which presided his Blessed Mother. He observed that some who endeavored to ascend the first ladder, after mounting a few steps, fell down, and on trying again were equally unsuccessful; but a voice having told them to make a trial of the white ladder, they soon gained the top, the Blessed Virgin having held forth her hands to help them."

Mary is represented as using Jesus to deal out salvation to those that invoke her name:

"The holy Virgin appeared and showing her [St. Gertrude] the divine Infant, whom she held in her arms, said: 'Behold the merciful eyes that I can at pleasure turn upon those who invoke me.'" (p. 191)

So great is the power of Mary that she is depicted as reversing the decrees of divine judgment:

"It is the opinion of many theologians, and of St. Thomas Aquinas particularly, that the Blessed Virgin has obtained for several who died in the state of mortal sin, the suspension of their sentence [of damnation], and their return to life, that they might do penance." (p. 203)

On page 228, the worship due Jesus Christ is commanded of all at the mention of the name of Mary:

"At the name of Mary every knee should bend in heaven, on earth, and in hell."

The same teaching is expressed by Liguori in his volume of poems.

"Queen art thou, whom all things worship,
Earth and hell, and heaven above."

³ Page 199. The quotations from the early Fathers of the Church cited by Liguori are largely spurious. Compilations of false quotations from the Fathers have always been one of the means used by Catholic church propagandists to promote newly-invented doctrines.

⁴ *The Sacred Poetry of St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori*, translated by Father Robert A. Coffin, C.S.S.R., (London, 1863) p. 33.



ALPHONSE MARY LIGUORI

"... in order to give a true picture of St. Alphonsus he must be depicted as the doctor of salvation—and of salvation through Mary."—Quoted from Father Berthe's biography by Liguori, Vol. I, p. 396.

LIGUORI'S CHARACTER

Without attempting to sketch in full the life of the author of *The Glories of Mary*, the following few highlights will be of interest:

The circumstances of his call to the priesthood, for instance, are worthy of note. He had been a young practising lawyer. "But a sensible wound to his vanity gave him a distaste for that work. An important case, which he had

hoped to win, was lost, because in an important part of the papers he had overlooked the little word 'non'."⁵ In his disappointment he turned from the world and studied for the priesthood.

Liguori's life from the earliest years of his priestly ministry in Naples was marked by miracles of the kind that abound in Italy only. He seemed to consider them confirmation of his self-

⁵ Nielsen, *op. cit.*, p. 90.

esteem. Such, for instance, was the case when a statue of the Virgin became alive during one of his early sermons. His own account of it is found in his letters.⁶

At the suggestion of a visionary nun, Sister Maria Celeste Costarosa, he felt himself divinely called to found a new religious order in the church. He founded it and it still exists today, going under the name of "Redemptorists." His biographer and the editors of his works are members of his own order. Several hundred priests of this order are in the United States; before the preaching of hell fire was discontinued in Catholic pulpits in America, they were known as "the-hell-and-damnation Fathers," because of their concentration on fear-inspiring subjects.

Liguori was caught in a vicious circle. His delicate health conditioned his mind for the seeing of visions and other hallucinations. At the same time, his supernatural delusions urged him on to further castigations of the flesh that completely undermined his physical and mental health.

The papal process of canonization glorified the aberrations of Liguori as "heroic virtues." Nielsen says of him (p. 99):

"He was one of the heroes of that monastic asceticism of which the only object is to make life as unpleasant and burdensome to itself as possible. At Ciorani he lived for years at the back of a staircase in a wretched, narrow room, which received light and air only through an opening covered with paper dipped in oil and wax, instead of glass. In order to make every step painful he often carried pebbles in his shoes; and when he was going to eat he generally hung a big stone around his neck. Three days a week he ate nothing but a thin

soup and bread; when he had fish, he contented himself with the scanty pickings about the head. Every time he took a frugal meal, he had a bag of bitter herbs by him, which he sprinkled over his food, so that both taste and smell were repulsive. . . . In the daytime it was his rule to wear a penitent's belt, garnished with spikes; and both day and night he plied the scourge upon his feeble body. Like other saints, however, both male and female, he seems to have had a weakness, if such it may be called: his weakness was for snuff. It is said that this point was alleged by the *advocatus diaboli* during the process of beatification, but was dismissed with the remark, that Liguori took snuff by the doctor's orders as a remedy for an affliction of the eyes."

Little wonder that Liguori was tortured for years with racking pains in the head and chest. His excesses also made him extremely deaf and practically blind. His mental sufferings were even worse. "He was continually plagued by scruples, which brought him to the verge of insanity. . . . The further he advanced in asceticism, the stronger his temptations became. *He always turned his back when talking to women.*" His obsession with sex as evidenced by his endless 'moral' writings was both revolting and psychopathic.

Liguori wrote volumes of 'moral theology' to furnish casuistic principles to guide others in the hair-splitting of innumerable mortal and venial sins. However, it was the height of presumption for him to tell others what to do or to pose as a 'director of souls,' since he was so pitifully helpless in solving even the slightest of his own personal moral problems. Nielsen says of him (p. 100): "Each time he had to act this famous moral theologian, who had to govern an order as well as a bishopric, was as bewildered as a child."

⁶ *Lettere* II, p. 456 ff.

⁷ Nielsen, *op. cit.*, p. 100.

The death of Liguori is described by his priest-biographer, Austin Berthe, in the following words (Vol. II, p. 611):

"While the blessed candle was placed in his hand the sons of the holy Founder recited in tears the prayers for the dying and the litany of the Blessed Virgin. The moment had come: Alphonsus, with the crucifix and the image of Mary on his breast, without a struggle or sigh, went gently to sleep in the arms of the Lord. . ."

Liguori died as he had lived in utter reliance on the mediatorship of Mary. He fulfilled a life-long wish, expressed in the following words of one of his own verses:

*"This shall be my comfort sweet,
When the hand of death is nigh,
'Mary! Mary!' to repeat
Once again—and then to die."*^{*}

JESUITS' USE OF LIGUORI

The Jesuits found in the scrupulous, casuistic Liguori a willing tool for their plot to dominate the church. Their plans were clean-cut: (1) to centralize the entire church in the papacy—the means to this end was the still unpopular doctrine of papal infallibility; (2) to give religion mass appeal by giving in to moral laxity—the means to this end was casuistry; (3) to offset the attraction of the Protestant doctrine of personal salvation by a strong emotional appeal—the means to this end was to make use of the universal appeal of motherhood by personifying it in the "Virgin mother of God, the co-redeemer of mankind," who is to be more and more glorified.

Liguori dedicated his life to the furthering of these three doctrines, without which the whole structure of the Roman Catholic church would fall to

the ground. He worked unceasingly to have Pope Pius IX decree the dogmas of papal infallibility and the Immaculate Conception of Mary. In his treatises on moral theology he taught 'mental reservation' and the pernicious doctrine of 'probabilism' with its train of loose moral principles. It is especially interesting to note that it was on these points of casuistry, papal infallibility and the cult of Mary, that Pope Leo XIII laid stress in his praise of Liguori in a letter of August 28, 1879 to the French translators of Liguori's biography. Nielsen on page 98 says of Liguori: "A closer study of his ethics, of his glorification of the Virgin and of his doctrine of papal infallibility, will make it easy to understand why



CATHOLIC PICTURE OF
"MARY MEDIATRIX"—
"MARY THE MEDIATOR"

^{*}The Sacred Poetry of St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori, p. 40.

modern Jesuitism has been so eager for his exaltation."

The Jesuits lost no time in bringing about the beatification and canonization of Liguori. Canonical restrictions and time requirements were swept away by special decree. But even the canonization of Liguori did not satisfy the Jesuit high command. They felt, and rightly so, that every boost for Liguori brought their favorite doctrines and political strategy closer to success. They used their world-wide organization to inspire movements demanding that Liguori be declared a 'Doctor of the Church'—an honor that had been conferred on no one since before the Reformation. Like clock-work appeals poured into the Vatican from 39 cardinals, 10 patriarchs, 135 archbishops, 544 bishops, 25 heads of orders and 4 theologi-

cal faculties (including those of Louvain and Vienna), beseeching Pius IX to declare Liguori a 'Doctor of the Church,' equal in rank to Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas. The purpose of this move was, of course, to lend unchallengeable authority to his doctrines. Nielsen (p. 99) knowingly remarks: "It was the army of Jesuitism which came forward with this request; and it was granted by a papal decree of the 23rd of March 1871."

Humanity has reason to complain against the distortion of God-given nature in the person of Liguori, who was deluded by Rome-inspired doctrines of self-immolation. Worse still is the outrage of holding him before credulous believers as a teacher of true doctrine and a model for personal imitation.

POPE PIUS XII AND MARY-WORSHIP

LEST it be imagined that mariolatry, with its substitution of Mary for Jesus Christ as the savior of mankind, is merely the private opinion of individuals such as Alphonsus Liguori, we append here the official and public "Consecration of the World" to "the Immaculate Heart of Mary," by the present Pope Pius XII. It was broadcast to the world from the Vatican radio station on November 1, 1942 (Text from "The Catholic Mind," a Jesuit publication, for May 1943):

"Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Help of Christians, Refuge of Mankind, thou who vanquishest in all Battles of God—suppliant before thy throne We prostrate Ourselves, confident of obtaining thy mercy, grace and necessary aid in the present calamity, not because of Our merits, on which We do not presume, but solely through the boundless goodness of thy maternal heart.

"To thee, to thy Immaculate Heart, We, as Common Father of the Great Christian Family, as Vicar of Him to Whom all power is given in Heaven and on earth, and from Whom We have received the care of souls redeemed by His blood and inhabiting the entire world; to thee, to thy Immaculate Heart, in this tragic hour of human history, We entrust, We consign, We consecrate not only the Holy Church, Mystical Body of thy Son Jesus, which is suffering and bleeding in so many places, and is afflicted in so many ways, but all the world, rent by deadly discord, inflamed by the passion of hate, victim of its own iniquities.

"Mother of Mercy, implore God to grant us peace and, above all, the graces capable of effecting an immediate conversion of the world and of preparing and assuring reconciliation and peace . . ."

Jesus Christ, who alone saves, directs us differently than the Pope. He says:

"Come unto *Me*, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and *I* will give you rest."—*Matt. 11:28*.

In Him, not in Mary, is the Life and the Hope of the world.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS

WHILE Catholic censorship bars from the mails and prevents clearance through the customs of magazines and books critical of Roman Catholicism, but otherwise intensely pro-American and anti-Fascist, Catholic newspapers harmful to morale flood our Army camps. Among these are the Brooklyn *Tablet* and *Our Sunday Visitor*.

In its issue of last June 6, this latter propaganda sheet, the largest and most popular Catholic weekly in the U. S., made clear its opposition to United Nations' plans to get rid of Mussolini and the King of Italy. Nor does this mouthpiece of the Catholic hierarchy want democracy established in Italy. An editorial in this same issue frankly declared: "*Democracy has never meant in Latin countries what it means over here, and enemies of religion know that Democracy has meant control of the Government by irreligious forces.*"

Needless to say, *Our Sunday Visitor*, similar to other official Catholic publications, never ceases to praise Franco Spain and to re-hash all the old falsehoods against the Spanish Republic.

CHURCH AND STATE

CARDINAL GASPARRI, Secretary of State to Pope Pius XI, in an official statement to the Bishop of Concepcion in Chile, on June 17, 1922, declared:

"The opinion of those who wish to separate religion from politics is erroneous and pernicious, since it is evident that laws and political order are not capable of procuring efficaciously peace and tranquillity for peoples."

ROMAN CATHOLICS IN HIGH PLACES

APPPOINTMENT of Roman Catholics to prominent positions in Federal, State and City governments has greatly increased of late. Following is a list of some of them in Washington and New York State and City:

Mr. Franklin Dunham, former director of the Catholic Community Service, has been made a 'special consultant' to the Secretary of War Stimson. Gerald McLaughlin, Jesuit graduate from Fordham University, was named by the President as a judge of the Third U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, entitling him to a life salary of \$12,500 a year—his predecessor, Judge Clark, a Protestant, resigned to join the Army. The U. S. Attorney's office in New York was filled a couple of years ago by Jesuit graduate John T. Cahill, who was succeeded by Jesuit Fordham graduate Mathias Correa, who in turn is now being succeeded by another Fordham graduate and Catholic college professor, James B. McNally. He is a friend of Tammany leader Michael J. Kennedy and chairman of the Tammany Hall law committee. Rt. Rev. Francis J. Haas, member of the National Resources Planning Board and official of the national Catholic lobby (NCWC), has been appointed by the President as head of the Fair Employment Practice Committee (FEPC) to prevent religious or race discrimination among employers. A prominent Federal official, Richard F. Pattee, Assistant Chief of the Division of Cultural Relations in the Dep't of State, prominent in Latin American affairs, has been made president of the American Catholic Historical Association.

One of the latest Federal appointments is that of Leo T. Crowley as head of the new Office of Economic Warfare,

replacing Vice-President Wallace and Jesse Jones. Crowley is a Knight of Columbus and a papal Knight of St. Gregory.

In New York State politics Catholics are doing extremely well. Governor Dewey appointed Jesuit graduate Thomas J. Curran, N. Y., Secretary of State at \$12,000 a year. On June 11 he appointed John F. O'Connell to the chairmanship of the State Liquor Authority at \$12,000 a year. Mr. O'Connell is a Jesuit graduate of Georgetown University in Washington. (Another vacancy is expected on the State Liquor board soon when Catholic Thomas A. Murray resigns because of his new duties as president of the N. Y. State Federation of Labor.) Mr. Frank Noonan, Jesuit graduate from Georgetown University, was named by Gov. Dewey on June 27 as Assistant State Attorney.

In New York City Mayor LaGuardia on June 14 appointed Ignatius M. Wilkinson of the Jesuit University of Fordham as Corporation Counsel of New York City. Mr. Wilkinson is reputed to be an ardent Coughlinite and pro-Franco. During his absence from Fordham he will be succeeded by Walter Kennedy, Jesuit graduate of Holy Cross College, who was recently a member of the Federal Board of Legal Examiners. A week earlier Walter E. O'Leary was made director of New York City bureau of attendance of the Board of Education at \$12,500 a year. Mr. O'Leary is a graduate of the Jesuit university of Fordham. Michael F. Glynn was made chief investigator in the office of New York District Attorney Frank Hogan, on June 22. Mayor LaGuardia on June 28 named fifteen battalion chiefs of the City Fire Department at \$6,300 a year. Among these new assistants of Fire

Commissioner Walsh Irish Catholics predominate, including Clancy, Connelly, McCarthy, Flynn, Ryan, Callaghan, Lyons, McCoy, Fox, and others. The validity of several of these appointments has been challenged by the Civil Service Reform Association.

HITLER PUPPET HONORED BY POPE

THE GRAND CROSS of the Order of Pope Pius XII was recently conferred on Mihail Antonescu, Hitler's puppet premier of Rumania, according to an Associated Press dispatch in the N. Y. *Times* of last July 15. The newspaper added that this is "the highest decoration that the Vatican can confer."

This papal honor not only testifies to Pius XII's pro-Nazism but also implies commendation for Antonescu's recent persecution of Rumanian Protestants.

The Baptist *Watchman-Examiner* of July 15 said: "The present Rumanian government has issued a decree closing all 1602 [Baptist] churches and taking away all their properties . . . The 70,000 Baptists of Rumania are now in the fire of a great tribulation."

The *Overseas News Agency* of July 12 reported that "Bible instruction has been attacked in Rumania for the first time." Antonescu's government is not only anti-Protestant, but also violently anti-Semitic. It has, on the other hand, openly encouraged the propaganda of the Roman Catholic church in Rumania—although Roman Catholics are only a small minority group and unpopular with the Orthodox majority.

AIM OF THE JESUITS

REV. DR. JOHN A. MACKAY, president of the Theological Seminary at Princeton University, in his book, *The Other Spanish Christ*, describes the aims of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, as follows (p. 56):

"His ideal as stated by himself, was to 'rule in a cemetery.' When the world became transformed into a moral graveyard the Kingdom of God would have arrived. Towards that sepulchral goal the whole world policy of the Jesuit Order was directed. Its aim was to win the world for God, by which was meant to universalize the passivity and peace of the cemetery. And this the Jesuit fathers proposed to achieve by whatever means were necessary, by the weapons of heaven if they could, by the weapons of earth when they could not."

On page 88, Dr. Mackay tells of Jesuit influence in South America today:

"Ignatius of Loyola dedicated himself to the service of the Virgin in the little chapel of Monserrat. His [Jesuit] followers in the South American metropolis of today continue the Virgin cult. They are the strongest force in South American religious life . . . They can bring it about that one may blaspheme Jesus Christ with impunity but dare not write even a serene article about cult of the Virgin Mother."

CELEBRATION of the twenty-seventh anniversary of the ordination of Father Coughlin was held in St. Joseph's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Over 1,500 delegates from near-by cities attended. Father Edward L. Curran preached a sermon glorifying Father Coughlin as a model priest to be imitated by all. He praised him for making known to all the encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI for the reconstruction of society. He said in part:

"We have rejoiced in his personality. We have rejoiced in his friendship. We have rejoiced in his leadership. We have

SECRET CLAUSE IN VATICAN-HITLER CONCORDAT

IRISH-CATHOLIC William Teeling in his book *Crisis For Christianity*, page 128, speaking of the Hitler-Vatican Concordat, reveals the following fact:

"I have discussed the Concordat, its details and history, personally, with both the signatories of the agreement, that is to say, with Cardinal Pacelli and with Herr von Papen, but it is not from them, though from someone who would be in a position to know and who was in touch with the negotiations, that I have been told that there was also a secret clause to the Concordat."

After Rome was bombed last July Marshal Badoglio, successor to Mussolini as head of the Italian Government, declared that he had asked Pope Pius XII to arrange with the Allies to have Rome declared an 'open city.' The Pope did not contact the Allies on this question, giving the Nazis an extra two weeks to strengthen their military defense in Italy. Badoglio then undertook to declare Rome an 'open city.' He blamed the Pope for the long delay. Could it have been this secret clause of the Concordat with Hitler that forced the Pope to sacrifice the safety of his native Rome to the military needs of Nazi Germany?

rejoiced in his successes. We must not become despairing in his defeats . . . We still believe that as a priest and patriot he is second to none throughout the United States of America."

"Today we thank God that twenty-seven years ago he was ordained another Christ to go forth and fight the anti-Christ wherever he should be found. Today we ask God to smile down upon him, to give him abundance of health and happiness and to preserve him for us and our cause, which, like truth crushed to the earth, shall rise again, for many years to come."

TREATMENT OF EX-PRIESTS

CATHOLIC PROPAGANDISTS never dare to tell their people the truth about priests who resign from the priesthood. On the contrary, every effort is made to defame such men, even to lie about them.

In our issue of last June we quoted what *Our Sunday Visitor*—widely circulated Catholic weekly—said about our Dr. James J. Murphy in its issue of November 22, 1942. Here is part of what it said:

"It has been established that this man is a Catholic priest—formerly a Benedictine of St. Mary's Abbey, Newark, N. J.—his name in religion being 'Donald.' . . . Also it is true that he studied in Rome and was in China, but he never served on the faculty of the Catholic University of Peking."

Then in an effort to substantiate this last assertion, *Our Sunday Visitor* quoted a statement of Msgr. George Barry

O'Toole as follows:

"The Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. Barry O'Toole, now of the Catholic University of America and former Rector of the Catholic University of Peking, states that he himself was Rector of the China institution in 1933—the year Dr. Murphy is alleged to have served there—and that the Peking university 'did not then have either a Theological Faculty or a Theological Seminary, for which reason it was impossible for this man to have held a Chair as Professor of Dogmatic Theology' there. 'Moreover, I myself at that time held the power of appointing all professors,' Monsignor O'Toole adds, 'and I certainly never appointed any professor by the name of Murphy.'"

Now, in order to prove the falsity of the above statements of Msgr. O'Toole and *Our Sunday Visitor*, we reproduce below a photostatic copy of Dr. Murphy's credentials received from the Chancellor of the Catholic University of Peking in 1933. Here it is:

北平輔仁大學監督
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
PEKING CHINA
Office of the Chancellor

July 25, 1933

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

This is to certify that Fr. Donald Murphy, O.S.B., a priest of our order, was professor of dogmatic theology in the seminary connected with this university during 1932-33. During this same year of residence in our university in view of his talent and reliability I made him my personal secretary.

Rt. Rev. Don J. Claugherty, O.S.B.
Chancellor



FACSIMILE OF DR. MURPHY'S CREDENTIALS TESTIFYING TO HIS PROFESSORSHIP OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PEKING IN 1933.

As mentioned by *Our Sunday Visitor* above, when Dr. Murphy joined the Benedictine Order he assumed the name of "Donald." After he resigned from the priesthood he naturally reassumed his baptismal name of "James." The letters "O.S.B." after his name and that of the Chancellor of the University, stand for "Order of St. Benedict."

The further falsity of Msgr. O'Toole's statements about himself and Dr. Murphy may be seen from the following four facts, which were proved in our issue of last June:

- 1) Msgr. O'Toole, at that time plain "Father" O'Toole, was not even in China during the school year of 1932-33;
- 2) The Catholic University of Peking at that time belonged to the Benedictines, and Father O'Toole, being a secular priest, could not have had the power to appoint professors;
- 3) The power of appointing professors was always in the hands of the Benedictine Chancellor of the University;
- 4) The Chancellor in the school year of 1932-33 was the Rt. Rev. Dom F. Clougherty, O.S.B., who testified in the above document that he appointed our Dr. Murphy "professor of dogmatic theology in the seminary connected with the university during 1932-33."

Our Sunday Visitor could easily have confirmed Dr. Murphy's attachment to the Catholic University of Peking by simple inquiry from his Benedictine superiors. Or, easier still, it could have verified the fact by merely looking it up in the *Official Catholic Directory* for 1932 and 1933, where it is recorded on pages 1078 and 1104, respectively.

Our concern in this case is not at all the defense of Dr. Murphy, whose integrity stands on his own merits. We think rather of the millions of duped Catholic people in America who take as

Gospel truth every word written for them in their controlled Catholic press.

CHURCHES DON'T MAKE RELIGION

ARTISTIC beauties blind some people to moral values. Such was not the case with John Adams, learned and distinguished leader in the days of the American Revolution, who later became President of the United States. In a letter to Thomas Jefferson, written on February 2, 1816, he had this to say about the Vatican cathedral of St. Peter's in Rome:

"That stupendous monument of human hypocrisy and fanaticism, the church of St. Peter at Rome, which was a century and a half in building, excited the ambition of Pope Leo X, who believed no more of the Christian religion than Diderot, to finish it; and finding St. Peter's pence insufficient, he deluged all Europe with indulgences for sale, and excited Luther to controvert his authority to grant them."

(Quoted from the Congressional edition of *The Writings of Thomas Jefferson*, vol. VI, p. 545.)

CATHOLIC CLAIM ON EDUCATION

POPE PIUS XI declared in unmistakable terms the absolute monopoly of the rights of education claimed by the Catholic church. In his encyclical on education, *Divini Illius Magistri*, he said:

"Both in the origin and in the exercise of her mission as educator of the young, the church is independent of any earthly power, not merely in regard to her lawful end and purpose, but also in regard to whatever means she may deem suitable and necessary to attain them."

Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch.—Luke 6:39.

FANCIFUL 'REVELATIONS' FROM GOD

APPARITIONS of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary are taking place today, even in the United States, if we are to believe the leading Catholic propaganda newspaper, *Our Sunday Visitor*. Its issue of last February 2 told the story, which was certified by attorney John A. Grennan of Oakland, California, about the appearance of Jesus Christ to a Catholic woman in 1940. It related that in August of that year Jesus Christ appeared to her and asked for "universal, perpetual adoration" of the Eucharist. He added: "This adoration and atonement, in union with the many novenas for peace, and the prayers to my Blessed Mother Mary, will bring peace to the world." The following month the Virgin Mary herself appeared to the same woman "and urged that this form of universal perpetual adoration be referred to the Holy Father" to inform him of it.

Catholics are allowed and encouraged to believe in such revelations, as long as the church does not condemn them as spurious. The above-mentioned paper, for instance, considers it worthwhile to devote several hundred words in that one issue to an explanation of this 'private revelation.' It does not attempt to explain, however, why these revelations were not made directly to the pope, who claims to be the infallible "vicar of Jesus Christ on earth," instead of to an unknown woman in California.

The Catholic church has fostered similar 'private revelations' to Catherine Emmerich and Teresa Neumann in Germany, Gemma Galgani in Italy and others, long after they had been exposed by scientists as the deceptions of psychopathic women.

Those who think that such superstitious beliefs are confined to the ignorant laity should read what John Bag-

nell Bury, the world-famous historian of Cambridge University, says on page 51 of his *History of the Papacy in the Nineteenth Century*, where he is speaking of Pope Pius IX himself. He says in part:

"He was exceedingly superstitious in the common sense of the term, and credulous of legends and prophecies. In his youth (as Count Mastai), he had been cured of epilepsy by 'water of Jesus of Nazareth' which was given him by a well-known prophetess of the day, Elizabeth Canori-Mora. Later, a more celebrated woman, Anna Maria Taigi, who was a great power in Rome, exercising influence over cardinals and prelates, honored successively by Pius VII, Leo XII, and especially by Gregory XV, was known to Pius, and she foretold his pontificate and the definition of Infallibility. As Pope, he spoke of her prophecies, and he raised her memory to the ecclesiastical rank of 'honorable' in 1863. Rosa Columbia Asdente also prophesied his pontificate, and Marie Lataste foretold the definition of the Immaculate Conception."

This fostering of fanciful stories of apparitions of God and the oracles of modern soothsayers by the Catholic church is harmful to the truth of God as found in the Bible. It is part of the traditional practice of the Catholic church to supplant the Word of God in the Bible with the word of men. Until recent times, it was the custom of the Popes to consult with astrologers and examine the entrails of animals before deciding questions of great importance. This was copied from the Roman emperors, whose throne and title of *Pontifex Maximus* the Popes of Rome took over for themselves. Hitler, too, depends upon astrologers and soothsayers to confirm his 'intuition' in making important decisions.

When tempted to seek for the truth in the oracles and teachings of men, we should remember the answer of Simon Peter to Jesus: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."—John 6:88.



INDICTED FOR TREASON

Jane Anderson, Marquesa de Cienfuegos, Hitler's "Lady Haw-Haw," who helped to dig democracy's grave in Spain under the banner of Catholicism.

THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, on July 6, indicted for treason Jane Anderson, zealous Catholic propagandist, also known by her marriage name of the Marquesa de Cienfuegos, for her assistance to the enemy in time of war. During the Spanish civil war she was condemned to death by the Loyalists for espionage, but was saved through the intercession of the State Department acting under Roman Catholic pressure.

On her return to this country Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen hailed her as "one of the living martyrs" of history, and the *Catholic Digest* described her as "the world's greatest woman orator in the fight against communism."

She left the United States again on July 17, 1939, from Philadelphia, and it was reported in the *Philadelphia Record* that she was setting out, with the approval of Pope Pius XII, Cardinal Dougherty, and of Franco himself,

to tour "New Spain." She wound up in a Nazi radio station in Berlin where she broadcast in favor of Nazism until April 1942. She was introduced by the Berlin announcer as a "famous Catholic orator."

PROTESTANT SOLDIERS FORCED TO ATTEND CATHOLIC MASS

PRESSURE TACTICS of the Catholic church is illustrated by the following excerpt from *The Christian-Evangelist* of last June 9:

"What Catholic sponsors declared to be the largest religious service ever held on a military reservation, 'A Victory Mass' at Kelly Field, San Antonio, was criticized by Protestant leaders as 'an effrontery to religious freedom.' Soldiers marched with military band music to the service, which was definitely Roman Catholic and conducted by Roman Catholic prelates."

The protest of prominent Protestant ministers read as follows:

"We protest the marching, under orders, of our men in uniform to a religious service not of their faith. Since we are fighting for religious freedom, we demand this freedom be ours now in the armed forces and in the nation. This announced program places political pressure upon men who are office holders . . . to attend Catholic service or be considered unpatriotic."

It should not be overlooked that the Catholics railroaded the program through in spite of the protest of local ministers. Only a nation-wide American Protestant League would be able to counter the steam-roller methods of the organized Catholic minority.

"Our priests are not what foolish people think they are: our credulity constitutes all the science they have."—*Voltaire*.

On the Lookout

By J. J. MURPHY

A MONSIGNOR'S ARROGANCE

IMPUDENCE and ignorance are reflected in a communication sent to President Roosevelt by Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Barry O'Toole of Catholic University, after the bombing of enemy transportation lines in Rome. As quoted in the *Washington Times-Herald* of July 21, Msgr. O'Toole wrote to President Roosevelt as follows:

"Honorable Mr. President: Attila had the decency to turn back, but you did not. Yesterday's bombing by American fliers and destruction of the ancient Church of San Lorenzo Fuori le Mura are enough to make any thoughtful American hang his head in shame."

Intellectual honesty, even common decency, would have prevented even the President's bitterest enemies from thinking, more so from publicly expressing, such a comparison between our Commander-in-Chief and Attila, the barbarian Hun.

A high-school student's knowledge of the motives behind Attila's threat to sack Rome makes a comparison between him and our President not only pointless, but obscene.

THREAT OF CATHOLIC REVOLT

BISHOP Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, Florida, reacted bitterly to the bombing of Rome. His intimate connection with the *Roman Curia*, where he worked for several years, lends special value to his words.

From Saratoga Springs, New York, where he was summering, Bishop Hurley denounced last July the "sacrilegious" bombing of Rome and the "obscene chorus of approval which it registered in the regimented press." He went on to say that as a result of this desecration "much of our national unity lies in ruins" and that, as far as Catholics are concerned, "we shall have difficulty in restoring their complete confidence in the fundamental jus-

tice of our purpose in the war" and the "prospects for the sort of peace so ardently desired by all of us." (*N. Y. Times*, July 22.)

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, distinguished foreign correspondent and former deputy director of the Office of War Information, gave a fearless reply to this thinly veiled threat to American unity. In the *N. Y. Post* of last July 27 he addressed Bishop Hurley, in part, as follows:

"Bishop Hurley, you speak of bombing as causing a breach in national unity. Some people would say that there would be nothing new about this. One group of American Catholics has for years, they feel, been away out of step with the most sacred American beliefs."

"In other words, unless our governmental authorities show respect toward purely Roman Catholic feelings about the city of Rome, then these Catholics will go sour on the war and the peace."

"For any group of Catholics to use the bombing of Rome as a reason for trying to sabotage the war or the peace could have most unhappy consequences."

VATICAN TIE-UP WITH MUSSOLINI

MUSSOLINI was always too discreet to disclose the common counter-revolutionary objective of Fascism and the Vatican in the present world war. But shortly before the fall of his church-blessed dictatorship, in a frantic last-minute effort to rally Italy to its defense, Il Duce let out the secret through his spokesman, Carlo Scorza, Secretary General of the Fascist Party. The *N. Y. Times* of July 19 quoted him as follows:

"This is a war of religions, institutions and bread. What is Italy defending? Italy defends her Catholic faith, which is endangered with equal violence by Red bolshevism and by the sectarian and doctrinal confusion of the Anglo-Saxons, who are governed by Judaism."

The phrase, "sectarian and doctrinal confusion," is a bad literal translation of Scorza's original Italian wording, which should have been more clearly translated as, "denominational and doctrinal confusion." For, in defense of Fascism and Roman Catholicism, he was condemning Anglo-American Protestantism, with its principles of religious freedom and democracy. In doing so, this final spokesman for

Mussolini stood four-square with the *Syllabus of Errors* of Pope Pius IX and other papal attacks against religious and civil liberties.

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THE BLACK INTERNATIONAL

REACTION among key men of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States to the bombing of Rome betrays that their first allegiance is to the Roman church. This could hardly be more openly expressed than in the recent words of Jesuit Father Lord, director of the Pittsburgh, Pa., summer school of *Catholic Action*:

"The Catholic Church is an international organization and we should never deny it. We certainly are citizens of the world before we are citizens of Pittsburgh—of the United States . . . We need fanatics and zealots. We need an aggressive social spirit to establish the reign of Christ, build a decent world, and put the Encyclical into practice." (Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*, July 14, 1943.)

Jesuit Father Lord, leader of the Youth Division of *Catholic Action*, referred above to Pius XI's strategic encyclical, "Quadragesimo Anno," which is a charter for the founding of Catholic-Fascist states. The slogan of the "reign of Christ," used by him, or its equivalent "Christ the King," was introduced by the Jesuits as a battle cry of Catholic Fascism in Spain and of its international offshoots, the Falangists of South America, the Sinarquists in Mexico and the Coughlinites in the United States, and of similar organizations in other countries. The founders and leaders of these movements are the kind of "fanatics and zealots" that Father Lord is trying to create and multiply in this country.

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FATE OF THE POPE'S TEMPORAL SOVEREIGNTY

THE DISTINGUISHED Italian historian, Gaetano Salvemini, of Harvard University, emphasizes that an Italian democratic state should not inherit automatically the conditions created by the Fascist regime. He holds: "There is no doubt that the *Lateran Treaties of 1929* are null and void because they were negotiated by an unconstitutional government and ratified by an unconstitutional parliament."

LABOR IN A CATHOLIC CORPORATE STATE

SALAZAR'S dictatorship in Portugal is praised by *Catholic Actionists* as the ideal Catholic state, modeled on the corporate government outlined in Pope Pius XI's encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno."

A dispatch to the *N. Y. Times* of July 31 about the transportation strike in Lisbon revealed how the Catholic-Fascist government of Portugal treats its industrial workers:

"The radio declared last night in a domestic broadcast that striking workers, irrespective of sex, would be incorporated into a labor battalion on Cape Verde Island. They will be employed exclusively on heavy manual work . . . Major Bothelho Moniz is said to have at his disposal 10,000 workers for drafting into compulsory labor battalions under Government measures for coping with industrial strikes."

"The Government . . . has made it clear that the quickest way of getting food is by not being arrested. Ten thousand troops of the Lisbon garrison will parade through the main streets Sunday to show the public their new equipment, including machine guns and armored cars."

Here, in short, is the corporate state's program for workers. Dollfuss mowed them down with machine guns. Salazar threatens all of them with machine guns and armored cars, and victimizes strikers with starvation, labor enslavement and exile in the concentration camps of Cape Verde Island.

Meanwhile, Monsignors Ryan, Haas and company talk of the Catholic church's love for Labor and its defense of human dignity. "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

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SERVILE PRESS

PERTINAX, widely syndicated columnist, steadily works in favor of Catholic Fascism, but always indirectly and in a very subtle way. The anonymous Pertinax is a French writer on international politics, whose real name is André Guerard.

Pertinax's latest service to Clerical reactionaries was to float an inspired story in his column of July 22 in the *N. Y. Times*. It did Franco a triple service: it

planted the idea of lease-lend to Spain, fostered the possibility of restoring the Spanish monarchy and praised Colonel Beigbeder, Franco's former Foreign Minister and present representative in Washington, as a man of pro-Allied leanings whose "personal sincerity cannot be doubted."

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JESUIT MEDDLING IN NORTH AFRICA

ROBERT MURPHY, Jesuit career diplomat in charge of American politics in North Africa, so prejudiced conditions there in favor of Fascism that the evil effects of his accomplishments still remain. More than half a year after the American invasion, the N. Y. *Times* of June 14, reported on North Africa as follows:

"Press censorship continues in a bold way. The censors—who are often the same censors as under the Vichy regime—still follow the same principles . . . No sanctions—as far as can be ascertained—have been taken against the men who have already lost their posts for their anti-Allied activities. They appear to have reverted to their army ranks, where they continue to draw their pay."

But these are not the only fascist officers in Giraud's army that de Gaulle made efforts to replace. There are many more, especially of more recent addition. As Johannes Steel, news commentator, remarked over radio station WMCA on June 20:

"During the past four weeks some 250 ex-members of the French Foreign Office have arrived in Algiers. They were preceded by the equally mysterious arrival of some 2,000 fascist-French officers. All these men left France during the past 60 days with the official sanction of the Gestapo. Hitler would like nothing better than to have these incompetent French officers run the new French army."

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, former Deputy Chief of the Office of War Information, has shown from an article by Demaree Bess in the *Saturday Evening Post* of Nov. 9, 1940, that General Giraud was released from prison in Germany to make a special trip to Africa in the critical days of June 1940 to advise the French North African colony against continuing the war against Germany.

General Giraud has had many opportunities to deny the truth of this report, but never did. Neither did Bess. Nor can the historical fact be denied that General Giraud,

in his first Order of the Day to the African army on Nov. 15, 1942, asked Frenchmen to unite "in love for France and the Marshal."

Rightly does the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* editorial of July 8 protest against "an anonymous barrage of detraction and insult" leveled against de Gaulle at the time of Giraud's visit to this country . . . which it justly imputes to State Department inspiration. It condemns likewise the attempt to reduce de Gaulle and the French National Committee "to the stature of an American puppet." It adds:

"De Gaulle's crime is not that he is 'monarchistic' or 'Communistic' or 'Fascistic' or 'dictatorial'—all these accusations have, in turn, emanated from Washington—or even 'difficult'; his crime is that he has so consistently proved the geniuses in the State Department to have been wrong, wrong in their estimates of the situation and bungling in their handling of it."

For this whole sorry affair we can thank the Jesuit strategists of the Vatican who wish to retain in post-war Europe the reactionary regimes and church privileges that have held sway under Hitler. Cooperating with them are millionaire industrialists like Lemaigre-Dubreuil of the French-German Banking Trust—and their friends in our State Department.

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SAINT LUCY GETS THE CREDIT

MEDICAL SCIENCE, by means of five operations at the U. S. Veterans Hospital in the Bronx, New York City, cured Anthony Lo Brace of blindness from which he had suffered for five years. According to the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of May 31, Mr. Lo Brace on his return home said "nevertheless, that he believes it was through the intercession of St. Lucy that his sight was returned to him." Mr. Lo Brace believed this so firmly that he solicited nickels and dimes from neighbors and purchased 180 candles to burn at the statue of St. Lucy in St. Anthony's Church on May 30. The newspaper report stated that he chose the figure 180 "because that is what he weighs." The 180 candles were banked in ten rows in front of the statue of St. Lucy, which occupied a place of special prominence on the left of the main altar. He also made provision that for the next thirty-six weeks four pounds of candles be burned each week in front of the statue.

The burning of candles to honor or appease the subdivinities of ancient pagan Rome is well known to students of history.

WESTPHALIA

ENOUGH attention has never been given in America to the final purpose of the Nazi "new order." Writers ignore the whole background of Fascism, and in seeking the reasons for the war it has caused, fail to look beyond the Treaty of Versailles.

But Fascism was not merely a movement to destroy the post-Versailles order of things; its chief aim was to wipe out the whole post-Reformation order of Western civilization, which began with the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648. It was then that democracy, with its keystone of religious liberty, may be said to have been born. That agreement among the rulers of Europe, Catholic and Protestant, was the first legal recognition of liberalism. It was a solemnly sworn pact among the nations guaranteeing the principle of religious toleration. It put an end forever, as it was then thought, to the dual dictatorship of the pope in religion and the emperor in politics.

But Pope Innocent X condemned the Treaty of Westphalia in no uncertain terms, and ordered that no one must ever carry out its sworn commitments. Moreover, he commanded that all future rulers must disregard its provisions as if they had never existed or had been sworn to, and called for the total abolishment of the treaty.

Dictatorships cannot be reconciled with the structure of a free society based upon the agreements of the Treaty of Westphalia, and its total abolishment would be necessary before their regimes could function. It was therefore not surprising that Hitler's spokesmen in 1940 publicly proclaimed that the scrapping of the Treaty of Versailles was not the really important work of Hitler and Mussolini, but rather the wiping out of the effects of the older Treaty of Westphalia.

Here is what they declared, as recorded in the Hamburger *Fremdenblatt* of May 15, 1940:

"It is not the revision of the Versailles Treaty which is the great thought written on the banner of the German troops, but the extinguishing of the last remnants of the Treaty of Westphalia of 1648."

The Treaty of Westphalia contains two peace pacts, one signed at Osnabrück on August 6, 1648, and the final one at Westphalia on October 24, 1648. They made effective and final the break between the opposing cultures of Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, and started the world on the road to true tolerance—until the rise of Fascism. *They legalized the birth of Protestantism and democratic liberty.* In order to show that Hitler and the Vatican are one in their opposition to the Treaty of Westphalia, it will not be out of place to quote here from the definitive condemnation of these two peace pacts by the then reigning pontiff, Pope Innocent X, speaking as the mouthpiece of Almighty God:

"We, therefore, decree and declare by these presents, that all the articles and instruments of both these peace pacts, and everything therein contained, are, and forever will be, null, void, invalid, iniquitous, unjust, damnable, reprobate, inane, and altogether lacking in force; that no one is, or ever will be, obliged to observe them, even if bound thereto by oath; that no right, or action, or color of a title, has thereby been acquired by anyone, or can ever be acquired by prescription after possession for any length of time, even for time out of memory . . . they must, therefore, be forever held as if they had never been issued, as never existing, and as never made . . ."¹

It can scarcely be called a coincidence that Fascism and Nazism set out with the objective of carrying into effect in our time this abominable decree of Pope

¹ cf. *Bullarium Romanum*, Vol. XVII, CXVI, p. 173.

Innocent X, which is the flat denial, *de jure*, of Protestantism and the principles of our democratic liberties that flow from it.

MEXICO'S FASCISTS



GROUP OF MEXICAN CATHOLIC-FASCIST SYNARCHISTS SALUTE THEIR FUEHRER ABASCAL — "EL SALVADOR," "THE SAVIOUR," THEY CALL HIM.

They differ from other Fascists by the direction of their salute, which is horizontal. See article on Synarchism in THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE for April 1943.

THE SYNARCHIST MOVEMENT continues to spread, not only in Mexico and Central America, but also in the United States. In California alone it has a powerful unit of 50,000 members. According to Felix Diaz Escobar, member of the Mexican Parliament, "the Synarchist movement is numerically more powerful today than it was a year ago." It has the same organic structure as Franco's *Falange* and is enthusiastically supported by the Catholic hierarchy in Mexico and in the United States. Señor Escobar, writing in *The Nation* of April 30, states that its weekly newspaper, *El Sinarquista*, has a circulation of 80,000, and is "100 per cent anti-United Nations and 200 per cent anti-United States."

As would be expected, these Synarchists are definitely anti-Protestant and oppose Protestant missionary work

in Mexico. The Mexican correspondent of *The Christian Century* recently reported that in San Mateo Ixtacaleco, near Mexico City, a band of Synarchists broke into a Protestant church at night, took the organ and pulpit and placed them on the railroad track where a train smashed them. In Atzala, State of Puebla, seven Protestants were recently murdered by a mob of Synarchists, and in Santa Ursula, in the same State, two others were seriously wounded by another mob, led by a woman, who entered the homes of these Protestant people and tried to kill them.

IRISH-CATHOLIC BOSTON

CATHOLIC FASCISM flourishes best in large cities where the church is well organized. Boston, with its 85 per cent Catholic population, is such a city. Selden Menefee, an Irish-American journalist of the *Washington Post*, described in his column of last June 6 what he delicately calls the "isolationism—the peculiar state of morale"—he found there. He stressed its anti-British feeling as well as its "fear of the Russians," based on pro-Franco, anti-Russian propaganda. He also noted its "ignominious failure" to cooperate in air-raid practice. It should not pass unnoticed that a national opinion poll taken in Boston long after the war began showed that only 34% of its Irish-Americans favored sending our Armed Forces abroad.

BINGO in churches was banned in Cincinnati recently after the Court of Appeals had pronounced it illegal. It was discovered that bingo had grown to a \$7,000,000 business in Cincinnati. Catholic Archbishop John T. McNicholas, on May 5, protested strongly against the ban, and declared that though the civil law has made bingo illegal, the moral law of the Catholic church does not make it a sin. "I wish to give the most positive assurance," he declared, "that in the moral law there is nothing sinful or wrong in itself in playing an innocent game of chance which does injustice to no one."

About Books

NEW TESTAMENT RELIGION

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, by Thomas W. Phillips; 496 pages, cloth bound. Price \$1.50.

THIS REMARKABLE BOOK has undergone fifteen editions; only in the last one was the author's name added, subsequent to his death. It is the work of a learned and devout layman and has been translated into many languages, including Chinese, Japanese and Hindustani. The author dedicated it to believers in Christ "to strengthen their faith," and to unbelievers "to convince them that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God,' and the Saviour of the world."

The author of this volume was a successful business man of old Colonial stock, a member of Congress and a tireless worker for the advancement of American education and, above all, of Gospel Christianity. Though a friend of all Protestant denominations, he upheld only the one true church that is based on the pure and simple New Testament. In this his aim was similar to that of the founder of Christ's Mission, the Rev. James A. O'Connor, who resigned from the Roman Catholic priesthood to attain it.

The author of "The Church of Christ" thoroughly proves and explains the unique value and necessity of unadulterated New Testament doctrine. At the same time he frankly exposes the corruption of Christianity at the hands of the Church of Rome. The 25th chapter, entitled "The Apostasy," is especially devoted to a refutation of Roman Catholic claims. The writer joins with the leaders of the Reformation and most of the great Evangelists that followed in identifying the Roman church as the Antichrist. He defines the Roman Catholic church as "an ecclesiastical and political despotism, which swayed scepter over so many nations for a thousand years, and which instituted persecution, martyrdom, and the horrors of the Inquisition."

The real purposes of the Roman Catholic church and its ruthlessness in achieving them were known to Mr. Phillips, as they were to the Reformers centuries ago and to all who have dared to fight its

claims by standing up for true Christianity. A glance through the past volumes of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE will convince anyone that neither the nature nor the purpose of the church of Rome is any different today than it ever was; it is only that the restrictions of free governments have forced it to use more insidious means in its drive toward its unchanging goal of world domination.

We earnestly recommend this book as the work of a true Christian layman, whose broad scholarship and consecrated purpose make it both a help to the learned and a treasure to all seekers of true Christianity. This well-bound volume of almost 500 pages is sold for a fraction of its real worth to make it accessible to everyone.

UNDER COVER, by John Roy Carlson. \$3.50.

A NEW BOOK called *Under Cover* published by Arthur Derounian under the pseudonym of John Roy Carlson reveals many things about Catholic Fascism in this country. It tells how Olav E. Tietzok, Swedish Nazi leader, told the author that leading Roman Catholic, U. S. Senator David I. Walsh "saw eye to eye with him politically."

On page 72 the author explains how he published the *Christian Defender*, a crude, lying, slandering sheet attacking the Jews in order to gain entry to the inner circles of American fascism. He goes on to say:

"The *Christian Defender* gained for me the respect of countless American Nazis, including Father Coughlin, who thanked me by letter and through Carl Pinkston [distributor of *Social Justice* in New York City] asked that two copies be sent him each week."

Two pages farther on is given a copy of Father Coughlin's letter, addressed to "George Paganelli," the alias under which Derounian worked.

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THE PASSING SHOW

P. J. WHELAN

► **JESUIT** magazine "America" in its issue of July 31 declared: "It would be a great relief if our Government could give assurance to the Holy Father, at the earliest opportunity, that there will be no repetition of this event [the bombing of Rome]; and, as a sign of earnestness and good will, would pledge itself to the rebuilding of the Basilica of San Lorenzo." The idea is that Uncle Sam has been a bad boy and must kiss the Pope's toe.

► **IN THE YEAR 1282** the pope of Rome was as much interested in politics as he is now, only he had more power then. The recent capture of Sicily reminds us that in that year the pope in violation of the inherent rights of the Sicilians gave their island to the Frenchman Charles of Anjou. The transaction was flagrantly illegal but the popes have always claimed to be above the law.

► **THE CATHOLIC BISHOP** of Wichita, Kansas, has formed a matrimonial clinic in the city which offers "spiritual, legal, medical and financial advice to persons of any religious faith or of no faith." It is the Catholic aim to secure converts to the church by means of spiritual advice given in such clinics. The "legal, medical and financial advice" is of course a "come-on" subsidiary to the 'spiritual' purpose of the institution.

► **LUTHERAN BISHOP** Theophil Wurm of Wurttemberg, Germany, has made an extremely strong protest against anti-Jewish atrocities, declaring that they are "against God's law and will bring the German people no blessing," according to the *Oceana News Service* of August 8. The report also mentions that ministers of the Confessional Church in Prussia are telling their congregations that Christians in Germany must share the guilt of Nazi brutalities against the Jews.

► **THE PRO-CATHOLICISM** of the Administration is sharply outlined by the fact that the Taborda Congressional Report on Argentina showing up the pro-

Nazism of the Catholic church in South America has not been allowed to be published in this country. Likewise the Dies Committee refuses to publish its report on Father Coughlin.

► **BIBLE SCHOOLS** held during the summer vacation in New York City closed after a very successful season. They numbered 290. Over 30,000 pupils and 2000 teachers took part in them.

► **NAZI WAR PRISONER HANS KRUG** escaped a second time from a Canadian prison camp on August 4. When he escaped last year, a Catholic priest of Toronto gave him money for his train fare to Detroit. The *Scranton Times* of Pennsylvania, in its issue of July 1, 1942, was one of the few North American newspapers that mentioned this fact. The Toronto priest was not even investigated, nor was his name made known.

► **MSGR. HAAS'S** investigation of the Detroit race riots carefully avoided all mention of the strong Coughlinite hate-breeding as well as that of Coughlin's friend and co-worker, Gerald Smith. It also avoided the known tension between colored workers and Catholic Polish groups.

► **THE PROTOCOLS** of the Learned Elders of Zion were proved to be a forgery by the court of Bern, Switzerland, in 1935. None the less, this anti-Semitic forgery continues to be circulated by Catholic Fascists. Father Coughlin gave it wide distribution. One of his transmission belts, a Catholic publication of Meriden, Connecticut, called *The Malist*, is now distributing it in a new, annotated edition.

► **FREEDOM** magazine, in its August-October quarterly issue, speaking of the Province of Quebec, Canada, says: "In the country districts, opposition to compulsory education has always been strong, especially among Catholic curés (pastors). Quebec vests control of education in the civil service, headed by a superintendent assisted by two secretaries, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic. Persons interested in education in Quebec have been shocked to learn that this Council has not met for 40 years."

► **MAYOR LAGUARDIA** had his picture taken along side of the new U. S. tank destroyer M-7 on 42nd Street. This destroyer is called "The Priest."

► **OVER 15,000 SAILORS** were obliged to assist at a military field mass on July 4 at Sampson Naval Training Station in New York State. According to an Associated Press dispatch, this Catholic service was "the major feature of the Fourth of July observance." This is very close to a union of church and state. Moreover, the compulsory attendance of Protestant sailors at a Catholic mass is a violation of the religious freedom for which we are fighting.

► **ERNEST HEMINGWAY'S** pictured novel *For Whom the Bell Tolls* has been so watered down to please Franco and the Catholic hierarchy that the word "Fascist" is not mentioned in it. None the less the Catholic Legion of Decency has refused to give it Class A rating.

► **COMMANDANT** of the U. S. Army Chaplains' School at Harvard University is Father Wm. D. Cleary of the Brooklyn diocese. He has the army rank of Colonel. He was born in Ireland. This past summer Pope Pius XII made him a Domestic Prelate with the rank of Right Reverend Monsignor.

► **MAYOR LAGUARDIA** of New York, under Catholic pressure, has reinstated a Coughlinite policeman who had been suspended and subjected to departmental trial for showing "racial and religious prejudice" in the line of duty. He was reinstated while a departmental decision was still pending, after completion of the trial.

► **FORTUNE** magazine recently concluded a poll on birth control that showed that 69% of Catholic women favor it. This is another illustration of the gap between the beliefs of the Catholic hierarchy and those of the rank-and-file American members of the church.

► **BISHOP Miguel d'Andrea** has been appointed one of three personal advisors of the new dictatorship government under self-appointed President Ramirez. Ramirez is the head of a military junta that overthrew the government of pro-Nazi President Castillo to prevent his policies from being discontinued by a popular democratic revolution. In Argentina the military agrees with the Roman Catholic church and other large landowners in following a reactionary pro-Nazi policy.

► **THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT** has yielded to Catholic pressure in allowing unmarried Catholic priests to claim the same income tax exemption as married men, "provided they maintain a household and housekeeper." This benefits all Catholic pastors, at the expense of the general public. Very few non-Catholic clergy will benefit by the exemption, since an unmarried Protestant pastor is a rare exception. The exemption ruling is of course carefully worded so that the word "Roman Catholic" does not occur in it.

► **SINCE** Bryce Oliver's radio discussions of anti-Semitic footnotes in the Roman Catholic bible, the newspaper "PM" no longer quotes him in its Radio Column. Whenever this paper mentions Father Coughlin's fascist teaching, it goes out of its way to camouflage the well-known fact that Coughlin could not function without the support of the Catholic hierarchy.

► **CATHOLICS** have invaded the movie industry to convince America that the Catholic church in Occupied Europe is the backbone of the Underground forces fighting against the Nazi conqueror. This was the morale of *Paris Is Calling*, *Assignment in Brittany* and other pictures. The movie entitled *Hitler's Children* shows a long sequence of a Catholic bishop defying a Nazi leader. It is worth noting that the author of this screen play is Emmet Lavery, a Jesuit graduate of Fordham. In the April 4 edition of *The Tidings* he is quoted as saying that for Catholics in the movie industry "to stand up for their convictions" involves no hardship and "pays off more often than you realize."

► **DR. JAMES C. HEALEY**, preaching in a New York Methodist church, was quoted by the N. Y. *Times* of July 12 as follows: "The idea of a compartmented God enclosed in golden chalices and reserved for particular creeds and nations is more prevalent than we would like to admit." He went on to explain that the Nazis "capitalized on this creedal intolerance" to exploit their own doctrines along similar lines.

► **TIME MAGAZINE** in a weird article of August 16 spoke of the Pope as infallible when he speaks as the mouthpiece of God. It admits later that he is "the most hard-headed statesman in Europe." It might have been better to be more frank and call him the most Machiavellian.

► **BROOKLYN SUPREME COURT** is holding a trial involving a Roman Catholic civics teacher of New York City who is said by fourteen of her fellow teachers to have praised Mussolini and Hitler in class, and spread other subversive ideas.

► **HEARST** papers are extremely friendly to Roman Catholicism. The August 1 issue of the "New York Journal-American" said through one of its inspired columnists: "I would rather listen to an Irishman tell a whopper than an Englishman tell me the truth."

► **EDUCATION** of the youth of Germany and Italy after the war should be left to "the Church and private enterprise," according to Jesuit Father Edward Bunn in the *Baltimore Sun* of last July 29. Father Bunn is president of Loyola College and he gave this statement to the *Sun* in opposition to the plan of Lord Vansittart, which appeared in the same paper on July 21, and which advocated direct intervention for the reeducation of Nazi-Fascist youth on strictly democratic lines.

► **DON STURZO**, Roman Catholic priest who is widely considered as a Catholic 'liberal,' declared that it was unfair of Prime Minister Churchill to say that a resisting Italy "will be seared and scarred and blackened from one end to the other," according to the *Brooklyn Tablet* of August 7. He added that Marshal Badoglio had given the "right answer" to Churchill.

► **THE ALUMNI** association of St. John's College in Brooklyn, N. Y., contributed money to pay for 1,000 copies of the Coughlinite *Brooklyn Tablet* to be sent to men in the U. S. Armed Forces.

► **FRANCO'S AMBASSADOR** in Washington, Francisco Castillo Najera, protested on July 21 to the U. S. Department of State against a speech of the Mexican ambassador in this country which called Franco a "traitor" and a "puppet." Mexico is the only Latin American government that has refused to recognize the Fascist government of Spain.

► **SEVERAL** hundred school children, mostly Jehovah's Witnesses, will be re-instated in schools as a result of the June 14 Gobitis decision of the U. S. Supreme Court which declared that flag-saluting in schools could not be made compulsory.

► **DECLARATION** of war against the United States by Slovakia was signed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Tiso, Hitler's puppet ruler whom he recently honored with the highest decoration of the Nazi Government. But the Vatican always plays both ends against the middle. This explains why it has on the democratic side Msgr. Jan Sramek comfortably situated as Prime Minister of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile in London. There with him is also Msgr. Pavel Machacek, Vice-President of the Czechoslovak State Council.

► **THE JESUITS** in the Maryland-New York Province number 1700. They are increasing so rapidly that the Acting General of the Jesuits in Rome, Very Rev. Alessio Magni, divided it into two separate provinces. The head of each 'province' is an Irish-American, chosen because of his political ability.

► **FATHER JOHANNES GUNNARSSON** was consecrated a bishop in Washington on July 7. He will be sent to Reykjavik as 'Bishop of Iceland,' a country that is over 99% Lutheran. This fact stands in contrast to the Roman Catholic policy that has succeeded in excluding Protestant missionaries from several Latin American countries on the grounds that they have no right to perturb the faith of a country that is predominantly Catholic.

► **THE SMEAR STORY** reflecting on the morality of the WAC's originated in Catholic John O'Donnell's column of the N. Y. *Daily News*. The President in his press conference of June 29 denounced it as a shameful story that impeded the war effort.

CHURCH CENSORSHIP IN WASHINGTON

CENSORSHIP by the Catholic hierarchy exerts widespread control over American movies, radio, newspapers and book publishers. No well informed person is ignorant of this fact. Few, however, realize that this censorship also controls the importation of foreign books and the printing of American magazines.

Without offering any reason or excuse, the U. S. Customs recently refused to allow into this country copies of two books by former priest Joseph McCabe of Eng-

land. Both works, *The Popes and Their Church* and *The Papacy in Politics Today*, are published in England and freely circulate there without governmental interference.

Last winter the Catholic Daughters of America took *Good Housekeeping* magazine severely to task for publishing a poem entitled, "The Neighbors," which they did not like. This type of protest by Catholic pressure groups has been going on for years. More recently the Catholic hierarchy decided that the time is ripe to 'move in' on the U. S. Post Office Department, since the Postmaster General is a fervent Catholic graduate of Notre Dame university. The following excerpt from Drew Pearson's syndicated newspaper column of last March 25 tells the story:

"Efficient Postmaster General Frank Walker got himself into a situation whereby certain zealots of the church to which he belongs have become unofficial censors of American magazines. And Frank is playing into their hands. The situation has gone so far that scores of American magazines, before going to press, send their manuscripts to the representative of Bishop John F. Noll, of the Catholic National Organization for Decent Literature, where they are examined. . . . Through the powerful weapon of removing magazines from the second-class mailing list, a most effective censorship is being used daily."

The Acolyte, one of Bishop Noll's magazines and official organ of the above-mentioned N.O.D.L., gives Postmaster Walker full credit for the barring of many magazines from the mails.

This censorship is exerted through the Washington office of Bishop Noll's N.O.D.L., at 1312 Massachusetts Avenue, which brings pressure to bear on the official three-man Post Office Committee of Censorship which is conveniently made up of O'Brien and Gregory, both Catholics, and an obliging Episcopalian named Hassell.

Publications considered 'immoral' by Catholic standards are the first victims of this arbitrary censorship. This is, of course, only an entering wedge.

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"In 1832 Pope Gregory XVI, in a document that gives us a foretaste of the Syllabus of Pope Pius IX, the *Mirari Vos* encyclical, declared war (a) upon modern forms of society founded upon liberty of conscience on the score that they lead to indifference, and (b) upon liberty of the press, 'which cannot be sufficiently execrated and condemned,' for by its means all evil doctrines are propagated, and (c) upon the liberty of scientific research."

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

A MISSIONARY in Venezuela writes:

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"When we came here 33 years ago, there was only one small group of Christians in Valencia. Now, I am glad to say, we have 26 established assemblies and 10 other places where the Gospel work is carried on. All the churches are cared for by Venezuelans. We just help them in teaching and preaching the Gospel.

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—William Williams

"A NEIGHBOR lets me read your magazine each month. I was one of those misguided Catholics. How wonderful it has been since I received the True Light! How I used to live in fear that I might not be able to earn my own salvation! And how I used to work to get as many masses as possible said for my deceased mother."

M. G. A.—Boston

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"YOU MAY HAVE SEEN a small book by Joseph A. L. Errigo, one of the sponsors of "The Catholic Forum" of Wilmington. It is entitled *The History of St. Joseph's-on-the-Brandywine*. In it he pays lengthy tribute to the du Ponts, who, he says, have been of great assistance to the Catholic church. He mentions, almost proudly, the number of men who have been killed in explosions at the du Pont powder mills, and how they were given the last rites by Catholic priests. R. R. M. Carpenter is chairman of the next Catholic Forum meeting. He is one of the du Ponts by marriage. Could it be that the du Ponts are backing the Forum? With their reactionary ideas it is much to their interest to see the Catholic church flourish in Delaware. They control the press here, but they could stand the assistance of a strong Catholic church."

M. A.—Wilmington, Del.

HITLER A CATHOLIC

HITLER is listed in the German "Who's Who" (*Wer Ist's*) as a Roman Catholic, and is on record as publicly reaffirming it. The reliable Irish-Catholic author, William Teeling, on page 127 of his book, *Crisis For Christianity*, admits this when he tells about the signing of the Concordat between the Vatican and Hitler. He says:

"The Concordat was signed on July 20th, 1933 and the text was published on July 22nd. On the previous July 2nd, Herr Hitler made an official public statement that he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church."

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